

REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed March 21, 2007, the Examiner asserts that the election was not complete, Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants respectfully point out to the Examiner that in the response filed December 20, 2006, an election of species II was made (without traverse) and a list of claims belonging to the elected species was provided. At Page 7 of the December 20, 2006 response Applicants wrote:

Further to restriction requirement dated June 20, 2006 applicants elect species II. However, in an attempt to overcome the restriction applicants hereby cancel previous claims 1-23 and are submitting new claims 24-54. Claims 24-42 and 48-54 are readable upon elected species II.

Applicants reiterate that Species II is elected without traverse.

Claims 24-54 are set forth hereinabove for a second time.

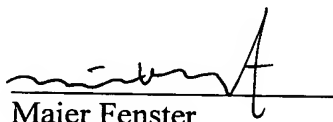
Claims 1-23 are cancelled.

Claims 43-47 are withdrawn from consideration.

Examination on the merits of claims 24-42 and 48-54 is respectfully requested.

Because the response filed on December 20, 2006 appears to have been fully responsive, the applicants respectfully suggest that, following notice of allowance, an extension of patent term for a period of three months is in order.

Respectfully submitted,


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